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**Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING AN
ONLINE COLLECTIONS SERVICES MARKETPLACE**

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (“PTO”) on May 30, 2001. Applicant received a PTO communication dated November 20, 2003 regarding the projection of receipt of first Office Action regarding the status of this patent application. However, to date, Applicant has not received a first Office Action.

Applicant would appreciate an indication as to when the first communication on the merits from the PTO will be received. Applicant would also appreciate receiving a reply to this inquiry by telephone or facsimile as soon as possible.

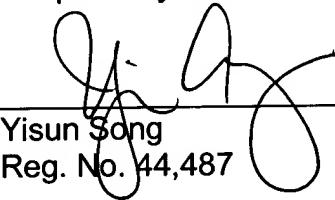
If Applicant or his representative may be of any assistance to the PTO in connection with this matter, the undersigned counsel would welcome a telephone call or other communication from the Patent Office.

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